REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

In response to the rejection of claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, an amendment has been made above so as to obviate the stated ground of objection.

The continued rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly anticipated by Kisiel '586 is respectfully traversed -- as is the rejection of claims 10-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly being anticipated by Sharples '450.

Neither Kisiel nor Sharples teaches the presence of a

"service definitions store for storing a set of data visualization service definitions each comprising one or more service requirements in relation to respective ones of a set of data visualization service identifiers, including identification of data inputs required for the provision of data."

The presence of such service definitions allows some flexibility in the provision of the data visualization service. That flexibility primarily results from there being a choice in which visualization routine is used to display the data - see step v) of claim 1 and also page 11, lines 17-19.

Sharples does not even provide a service definition store for storing a set of data visualization service definitions and thus provides no mechanism for selecting a data visualization service. It therefore lacks the flexibility seen in the present invention.

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Instead Sharples uses a browser program which will launch a viewer program in dependence on the file extension provided to it. The viewer used is fixed.

This distinction applies equally well to all rejected claims. The Examiner's suggestion that the above-italicized claim feature is found at column 4, lines 33 to 37 of Kisiel is clearly erroneous. The user-created pointers are not data visualization service definitions and there is, in any case, no suggestion that they might include identification of data inputs required for the provision of data.

Attention is also directed to new claims 19-27 which are amended versions of claims 1-9 discussed above.

The amendments are directed towards the difference which the Examiner seems to acknowledge in his response to applicant's arguments. Namely, that it is novel to provide a distributed system with the visualization system being separate from the system issuing the data visualization service request. As the Examiner has already perhaps accepted, this also provides a patentable distinction over Kisiel as applicant argued in its response to the previous Office Action.
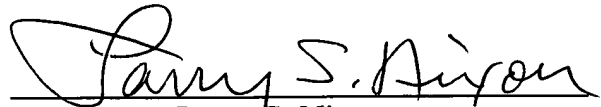
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Accordingly, this entire application is now believed to be in allowable condition

and a formal Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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